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District Mineral Foundations
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all districts in the country are extremely affected by mining related activities and have District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) already in place, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of recent development and welfare projects initiated by the DMFs;

(c) whether all these mining affecteddistricts have basic amenities like drinkingwater, hospitals, schools, roads, railways,irrigation and electricity facilities, if so, thedetails thereof and if not the reasonstherefor;

(d) whether the Government providesinsurance facilities for the persons and their families who are extremely affected by themining activities, if so, the details thereof;and

(e) thedetails of other strategies/policies adopted by the Government for bettermentof the lives of the people residing at mining affected areas?

Answer

(a) to (e): The Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act, 1957) was amended through the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015. One of the amendment provisions relates to introduction of section 9B which provides for the establishment of District Mineral Foundation (DMF) in any district affected by mining related operations. The object of the DMF is to work for the interest and benefit of persons, and areas affected by mining related operations.

Out of 12 mineral rich states of the country, 11 States [i.e. Goa, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra]have framed DMF rules and DMF has been set up in 263 districts as per details given at Annexure-I.

The Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) has been launched by the Government which will be implemented through funds collected under DMF.

At least 60% of PMKKKY funds will be utilized for high priority areas like: (i) drinking water supply; (ii) environment preservation and pollution control measures; (iii) health care (iv) education; (v) welfare of women and children; (vi) welfare of aged and disabled people; (vii) skill development; and (viii) Sanitation. The rest of the funds will be utilized for the following: (i) physical infrastructure; (ii) irrigation; (iii) energy and watershed development; and (iv) any other measures for enhancing environmental quality in mining district. Extending the insurance services is not within the scope of the scheme.

Details related to welfare projects initiated by State Governments under DMFs is not maintained centrally.

As per the rule 12(1)(l) of Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 framed to regulate the grant of mineral concessions and for purposes connected therewith, the lessee shall, in the matter of employment, give preference to the tribals and to the persons who become displaced because of the taking up of mining operations.

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